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**PATENT**

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the final Official Action in this case mailed November 8, 2007. Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to extend the shortened statutory period for response to March 8, 2008. Applicant(s) believes no other extension of time is required. However, Applicant(s) conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee, or for any deficiency in the enclosed fee.

Applicant(s) appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Remarks, beginning on Page 2 of this paper.